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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD OF PATTERNING NOBLE
METALS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICES BY ELECTROPOLISHING

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, before "Field of Invention," please insert This application is a
divisional of application Serial No. 09/639,089, filed on August 16, 2000, which is
incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-28.